

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 935

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Hawkins County Sheriff Roger Christian on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Roger Christian is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-four years as a proud and noble member of the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Christian will be taking a much deserved retirement on August 30, 2010, whereupon he will commit his time to the joys of fishing and home repair; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Church Hill High School, Roger Christian attended East Tennessee State University, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Christian then embarked upon his long and impressive career in law enforcement, joining the police force of the Town of Church Hill in the mid-1970s; and

WHEREAS, Roger Christian then joined the Tennessee State Highway Patrol, to which he dedicated his abilities and energies for more than twenty-eight years until his retirement at the rank of Sergeant in 2006; and

WHEREAS, it was also in 2006 that the good people of Hawkins County put their faith and trust in Roger Christian, electing him to serve as the Hawkins County Sheriff. During his tenure as Hawkins County Sheriff, he committed himself and the faculties of his department to improving the lives of those living in Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, over the past four years, Sheriff Christian has seen many improvements, including the impending completion of a new jail, the arrests of many people involved in the narcotics trade, and the elimination of negative county audit findings within the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of civic and community involvement, Roger Christian served as an Alderman for Church Hill from 2000 until 2004; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Terrie, are devout members of the First Baptist Church in Church Hill, which was founded by Roger Christian's grandfather in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Christian exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Roger Christian has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Hawkins County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Sheriff Roger Christian our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, applauding his many years spent serving and protecting the good people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.